(b) if so, the details of suggestions made by Government before the Bench of Supreme Court and whether Chief Vigilance Commissioner would be given autonomous independent powers in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are seriously contemplating to bring a Bill in this connection; and

(f) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (c) While hearing Writ Petition (c) No 539/2003 in the case of murder of Shri Satyendra Dubey, the question of suitable machinery for acting on complaints from Whistle blowers arose. Accordingly, the Government has issued a Resolution dated 21.4.2004, read with corrigendum dated 29.4.2004, authorizing Central Vigilance Commission as the Designated Agency to look into complaints made by whistle blowers and to ensure their protection.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) It is the endeavour of the Government to bring a Bill on the Public Interest disclosures (Protection of Informers) after considering all relevant aspects in this regard.

Reservation for women in Government jobs

†3896. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is reservation for women in Government jobs in every State;

(b) if so, the percentage and status, State-wise;

(c) whether women are being offered jobs according to the prescribed percentage;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if so, the details for the last three years in this regard; State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (e) Information regarding reservation for women in services under the States is not centrally maintained in the Department of Personnel and Training.

Report of the NKC

3897. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Knowledge Commission has submitted its report; if so, the details of the recommendations made;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the style of functioning and performance levels of the Commission; and

(c) whether the Prime Minister's Office has taken into perception of the difference that seem to have propped up between the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes Sir, the National Knowledge Commission (NKC) has submitted eleven reports to the Prime Minister. The recommendations of the NKC relate to building excellence in the area of knowledge to meet the knowledge challenges of the 21st century and increase India's competitive edge in the field of knowledge. A list of the recommendations is given in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes sir,

(c) The reconstituted National Knowledge Commission does not have a Vice-Chairman and, therefore, the question does not arise.